Most Countries

Extramarital affairs “more permissible” for husband than wife

Husband could take away children

In some countries Husband could dictate daughter’s marriage

French law forbade divorce

1816 to 1884-- 3rd Republic allowed divorce

-*Middle and Upper class women often conservative in nature, church and charity*

England ---

1857 Divorce only granted by Act of Parliament

1882 Married Woman’s Property Act- Married woman could own property in her own right

1895 Married women allowed to open a savings account

1907- Married woman’s wage was her own!

Germany

1900 Married Woman allowed to get a job w/out permission of husband

Husband still retains control of wife’s property

Women and higher educaction

- Teaching Colleges initially

Switzerland first

Sweden 1873

England in 1878 Univ. London

Sorbonne in France 1880

Prussia/Germany after 1900

Russia after 1914 (late 19C, Marie Curie left Poland <under Russian domination> for opportunities in France)

1st European Country to grant Women the right to Vote—Norway 1913

Last European country to provide franchise to women on the same basis as men? France 1945

European countries with female leaders

Margaret Thatcher 1979 (England)

Angela Merkel (2005) (Germany)

Contraception

Most European countries only legalized contraceptives post WWII- even notoriously permissive, Scandinavian countries.

NOTE Catholic Church in 1931 Lambeth Conference denounced contraceptives, Birth Control Pills came out in early 1960s, Pope Paul VI 1968 maintained the view against contraceptives, Humanae Vitae,

Likewise Pope John Paul II continued the policy despite the AIDS concerns, consistent with Pope Pius IX declaration- 1864 Syllabus of Errors- which maintained that Church mores are not determined by Progress but by God

Anti-Semitism

Reconquista- Spanish Inquisition- Maranos- Jews as a specific racial group

Pogroms Plague/Crusade in HRE

1215 4th Lateran Council- Jewish Garment

Middle Ages, ghetto, no intermarriage, limits on workers in house, opportunities to work in various professions etc… (Apartheid like policy)

Jews move east settle Poland/ Russia- small communities Shetls

Protestant Reformation- Luther on Jews---UGH

England allows Jews back in 17th Century

Growing Tolerance 18th Century- voltaire et. Al. though Voltaire also made anti-semitic comments

Frederick of Prussia- Invites Jews (as well as Hugeonots, and annexes Silesia- Roman Catholic)

Catherine the Great- Anti-Semitic laws, higher taxation etc…

Joseph II Austria- Emancipation—Census begins- Jews in Austrian Empire required to have “Germanic” names—Germanification of Austrian Empire

France Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen- Emancipation

Napoleonic Wars- advance Emancipation- tears down Jewish Ghetto Walls

Test Act 1828- Jews allowed to be elected in England

Pius IX- resurrects Jewish Ghetto Walls- Rome

19th Century Jewish movement towards Assimilation - beginning of Conservative Judaism as opposed to more “observant” Judaism. Smaller groups- ie. form Hasidim’s in countryside

19th Century Jews in favor of liberal to radical politics→why?

Jews witness an explosion of success, especially in professions, doctors, lawyers, engineers, -> Major metropolitan areas Jews in some professions 30% of profession

19th Century Nationalism- Jingoism- Social Darwinism

Church continues old practices- preaching to Jews in Ghetto- Pius IX, fails to relinquish child illegally baptized by Nanny

Resentment breeds- old anti-semitism (Christ Killers), mixed with racial anti-semitism (it’s in your blood), mixed with nationalism (they’ll never be loyal)

Russian Tsars- blame socialism/communism/anarchism on Jews-> including Marx who wasn’t Jewish!!!-→Protocols of Elder Zion,

Pogroms

Dreyfus Affair- France- OJ trial of the late 19th Century- pits liberals against traditionalists, Undercurrents of anti-semitism surface

Theodore Herzl –Clarion call- Zionist movement

Austria- Karl Lueger becomes Mayor- vitriolic Anti-semitism (early 1900s

Houston Steward Chamberlain- Brit-> turned German- Anti-Semitic tracts

Universities begin quotas to limit Jews (NOTE in US they began to want “all-around” students not just intellect)

In England- Disraeli- of Jewish descent but no longer Jewish becomes Prime Minister

Zionist Movement- Jewish homeland- Jews (Ashkenazi Jews primarily) in Palestine, Herzl and Weitzman

WWI starts-